

## WRITERS TO CAMP THIS WEEK

Guild Members Will Gather At Elk Springs For Outing.

The third annual fall outing of the Missouri Writers' Guild will be held September 22 to 29 at Elk Springs, McDonald County, Mo. The members of the organization will meet in Kansas City next Friday night and pro-

ceed to Elk Springs in a special car. This organization is purely social and fraternal. Its purpose is to bring into closer relationship the writers of the state for mutual inspiration, information and amusement. The guild has been recognized by the University of Missouri to the extent that it has the honor of officially opening each

year the widely known Journalism Week at Columbia. At the spring meeting the election of officers is held and regular business is transacted. The fall meeting is the play session of the organization, although more real help and assistance is rendered at these meetings than at Columbia.

Each year the guild attempts to bring some widely known writers or editors to Missouri to the fall outing. The little helpful hints that the beginners receive from these visitors have been the means of several Missouri writers making rapid progress in the short story field. Not alone do the visitors aid, but Missouri has several writers whose work is as familiar to the readers of first-class magazines and booklovers as those of writers from any other states, and these Missouri writers have been a big help to beginners. One of the biggest things the guild has accomplished has been to keep before the public the fact that Winston Churchill, Rupert Hughes, Edna Kenton, Fannie Hurst, Homer Croy and other equally widely known writers are Missourians. There is no attempt to create either caste or class in the guild. The eligibility rule governing the active membership is that those enjoying this distinction must have had published a book of literary nature on a royalty basis, sold three stories to magazines of general circulation or have written a play that has been accepted by a regular theatrical company.

Anyone interested in story writing may become an associate member when recommended by a member of the organization.

This year's outing will be held at the Riverside Farm Inn, about two miles from Elk Springs. The program will include the usual outdoor pleasures which are found in the Ozarks and a short business session will be held each day. However, the general trend of the meeting will be informal. The following are the present officers of the guild:

J. Breckenridge Ellis, president; Arthur F. Killick (Fatty Lewis), vice-president; Elizabeth P. Milbank, vice-president; Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary and treasurer.

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